

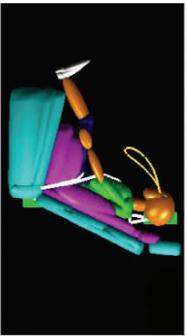
# Restraint of a 6-year-old Child in a Motor Vehicle Crash: Booster Seat vs. Lap and Shoulder Belt



## Key Safety Message

Children who have outgrown child safety seats with internal harnesses should be properly restrained in a belt-positioning booster seat until they are at least 8 years old, unless they are 4'9" tall.

**Correct Restraint**—This simulation below shows how a 6-year-old child properly restrained in a belt-positioning booster seat barely moves during a 35 m.p.h. crash.



**Incorrect Restraint**—The same child, improperly restrained in an adult seat belt, is thrown forward dramatically in the same crash. The inappropriate fit of the seat belt puts the child at risk for severe head, spine and abdominal injury.

